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OUTFITTERS

CHATER ROAD.

HONG KONG.

OPENING SKIRMISH IN SILVER BATTLE COMMENCES TO-DAY

GOLD BAR "BATTLE" ON ICE HOUSE ST.

SYNDICATE
WAR.
QUOTATIONS FOR
IN STREET

Free Service
Inaugurated

As it may seem —
the one for Robert
"Believe it or Not"
— a free Shanghai quotation
service is being run for the
benefit of all and sundry,
much to the consternation of
the older established institu-

tions.
The following is the story,
from the opposition, for
the new concern boasts no name,
and is augmented by both con-
tended and discontended dealers.

ROOSELY GUARDED SECRET
Some days ago a group of
these brokers assailed the
Gold Bar Co. (Messrs.
Culbertson and Frye, quo-
tations), and caused grave con-
cern by making large profits on
advance information from
Shanghai. The method is still
close secret with the opposition.

By those unknown means, this
enterprising group were in posses-
sion of quotations some minutes be-
fore either of the gold bar ex-
changes, which normally do business
in the street, and consequently were
reaping the reward of their fore-
sight.

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AFTERNOON JSH COMMENCES.

"Not For Benefit Of
Man In Street."

Ice House Street, later.
A huge sign bearing the wish
"Good Luck" in both English and
Chinese, signified the opening of
the afternoon's business.

Two o'clock found Mr. Chan and
his assistant still busy. Tele-
phone receiver in hand, Mr. Chan
was still most reticent, and com-
mented on the humidity in be-
tween his ever-changing quota-
tion calls.

"We are not doing this for the
benefit of the people in the street.
If we like to pin our quotations on
the window where they can be
seen by all, we are entitled to do
so," he remarked.

"To simplify the readings, the
symbols have been changed to
figures."

According to Mr. F. S. Chan, the
signs of his colleagues, whose ac-
tivities have been stopped by the
Gold Bar Company, are Mr.
Chan and Mr. Tsung Kwong Luk.

POP PRESS

SENT DIFFERENCE
CAUSES FIGHT
The House Street
difference in prices
quoted by the
Gold Bar Company, brought
about a fight in the
street.

BRITAIN SEEKS CLARIFICATION OF FRENCH ATTITUDE

Disarmament Communications
With Berlin And Rome

London, To-day.
From seeking clarification
of the French Disarmament
attitude, it is under-
stood that the British Govern-
ment, as the result of yesterday's
deliberations of the Cabinet Sub-
committee, will communicate with
Berlin and Rome.—Reuter.

JAPANESE COMPETITION INTENSIFIED

L.C.I. President Desires
Rapprochement.

CHINESE DETERMINED TO
BECOME INDUSTRIALISTS

British Encouragement
Needed.

London, To-day.

Sir Harry McGowan, President
and Chairman of Imperial Chemi-
cals Industries, Ltd., in an address
to a meeting of the Conservative
members of the House of Com-
mons, expressed an opinion that
Japanese competition was likely to
be intensified in the future.

He pointed out that the Japanese
profited by the errors of the British
and American industrialists,
and by purchasing up-to-date ma-
chinery, they were now many
trades ahead of older countries.

He suggested that the most
hopeful and immediate remedy
lay in a rapprochement be-
tween British and Japanese
Industrialists.

Sir Harry McGowan saw little
reason to hope for an early im-
provement in conditions in China,
but he said that it was a market
of great potentiality, for despite
political disorganisation the Chi-
nese were determined to become
industrialists.

He suggested encouragement by
British industrialists to use Chi-
nese capital in new industries. He
was of the opinion that the Chi-
nese, in future, would demand a
share of the profits made in their
own country.—Reuter.

MARKETING BILL IN CANADA

Dominion Board
Created.

AID FOR EXPORTERS

Ottawa, To-day.

A National Products Marketing
Bill was tabled in the Canadian
House of Commons, yesterday, by
the Minister of Agriculture, the
Hon. Mr. Robert Weir, which
creates a Dominion Marketing
Board, and gives the organized
producers of farm and other na-
tural products the widest powers
ever granted between provincial
and export trade.

Exporters may be reimbursed
for many losses through carry-
ing out the Board's orders, and
also for losses due to fluctuations
in exchange.

Like the British Agricultural
Marketing Act, this Bill provides
that growers may organize, and
if a sufficient number agree, that
they may petition for the approval
of a marketing scheme.

The importation of similar
products may be restricted if they
compete with Canadian pro-
ducts.—Reuter.

DIES BILL HEARING IN SENATE

KING CONFERS WITH
ROOSEVELT

IMPORTANT VICTORY CLAIMED

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WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE AGRICULTURAL COM-
MITTEE, SENATOR SMITH, HAS ANNOUNCED THAT HE WILL
OPEN HEARINGS TO-DAY ON THE DIES BILL. MEANWHILE,
SENATOR KING, THE LEADER OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE
OF THE SENATE SILVER GROUP, WHO HAVE PLANNED A
NEW OFFENSIVE FOR THE PRESENT SESSION OF CONGRESS,
IS SCHEDULED TO CONFER WITH PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT
REGARDING SILVER LEGISLATION AND TO FORMULATE UNI-
FORM PROGRESS FOR CONGRESS.

Representative Dies yesterday told the "United Press" that he
considered the Bill's reference to the Senate Agricultural Committee
instead of to the Banking Committee was "an important victory as it
brings important agricultural support and additional silver interests."

Senator Smith said, "The Bill will receive the fullest consid-
eration, including other types of silver plans in an attempt to
harmonize the various interests and to secure a united front on
some Bill acceptable to all elements."

"The nation badly needs more currency," he said, "and this
offers an opportunity for action."

FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS LOSE.

Earnings Decrease
\$14,356,837.

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WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.

The Federal Reserve has
reported that the net earn-
ings of the 12 Federal Re-
serve banks in 1933, fell to
U.S.\$7,957,407 from
U.S.\$22,314,244 in 1932,
causing all the banks except
those in New York, and Chi-
cago to draw on their sur-
plus in order to pay divi-
dends.—United Press, per
S. C. Gold Bar Co.

LOCAL DOLLAR UNCHANGED.

Silver Prices Still
Steady.

The local dollar remains
steady, opening on demand at
1/5-7-8.

Spot and forward silver prices
again remained unchanged, closing
yesterday at 20.00 and 20 1/16 re-
spectively.

The London on New York cross
rate yesterday closed at
U.S.\$5.09%, as compared with
U.S.\$5.10% on Saturday, while the
New York on London rate closed at
U.S.\$5.10% as compared with
U.S.\$5.09% on Saturday.

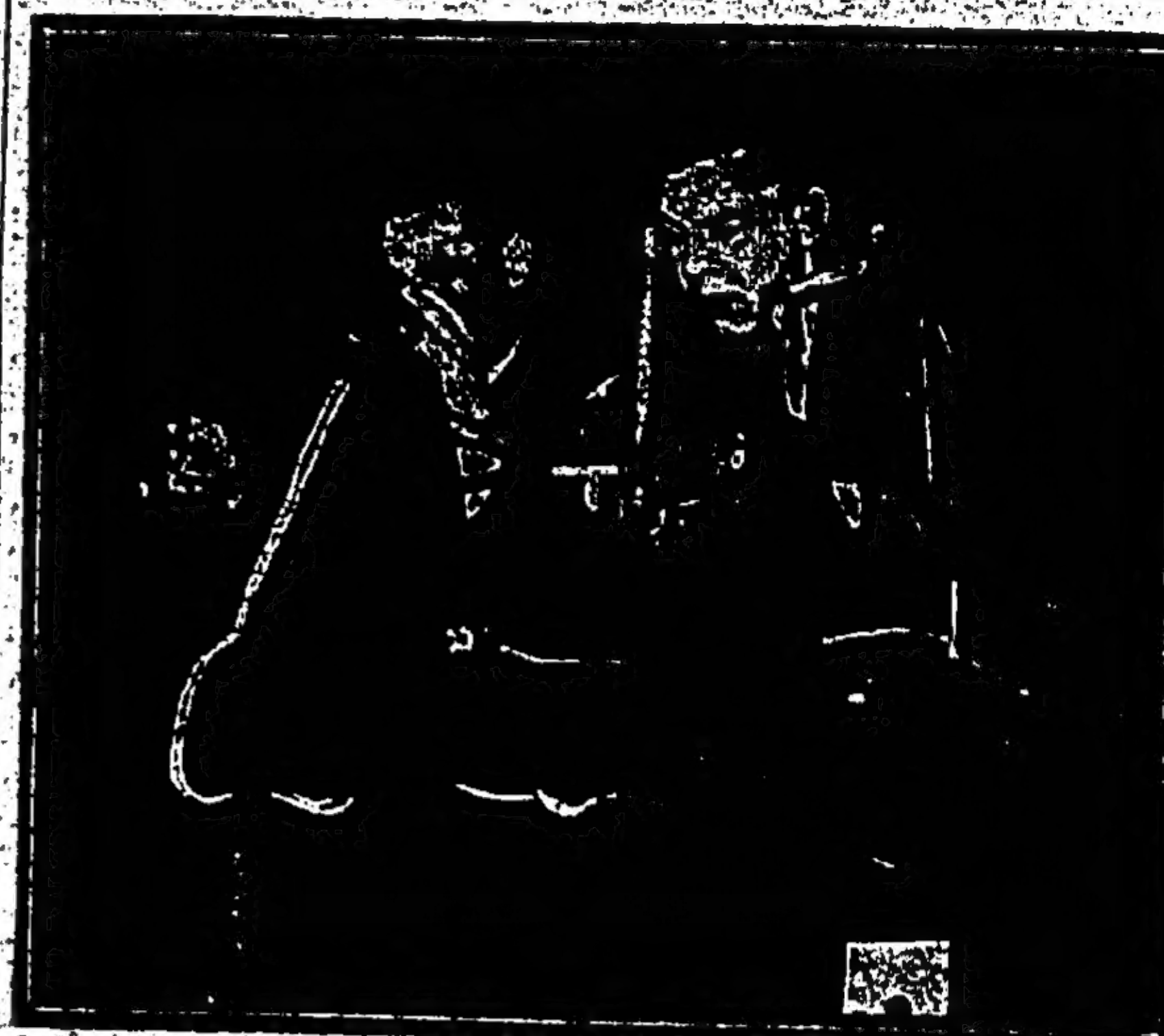
PRICE ON GEN. LIU'S HEAD

\$5,000 Dead And
\$10,000 Alive.

BANDITS PURSUED

Peking, To-day.

General Han Fu-chu has
offered a reward of \$5,000
dollars for General Liu Kuei-
tang, dead, and \$10,000 for
him alive.



Bombing training at an Auxiliary Air Force Squadron head-
quarters, Finsbury Barracks, London. An ingenious device where-
by the pilot and observer obtain bombing training by means of a
photographic panorama. The pupil and instructor are here seen
viewing their objects from their fixed fuselage.—(S. & G.)

INTERNATIONAL ACTION

Resolution To Stabilise
Currencies.

RUMOURS OF FRANCE GOING OFF GOLD.

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Washington, To-day.

Sixteen international bankers
and industrialists headed by M.
George Thieme, ex-Premier of
Belgium, and regent of the Bank
of Belgium, and including Mr. K.
Hirano, of the Yokohama Specie
Bank, in Paris, Mr. Matsuyama,
Commercial Counselor to the Ja-
panese Embassy in London, Pro-
fessor T. Gregory, and Sir Alan
Anderson, a Director of the Bank
of England, have issued a resolu-
tion to all Governments though the
International Chamber of Com-
merce, to stabilize currencies.

The appeal was made as the
rumours grew that France and
Switzerland might be forced to
abandon the gold standard.

"A new wave of currency in-
stability would be precipitated in
the even of the abandonment of
the gold standard by any of the
important countries which now
adhere to it," they state.—United
Press per S. C. Gold Bar Co.
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STRIKE ENDS IN NEW YORK.

Plebiscite Agreement
For Taxi-Drivers.

RIOT ENQUIRY ORDERED

New York, To-day.

The taxi-drivers' strike here
has ended as the result of the
Mayor, Mr. La Guardia, per-
suading the strikers, who
driving to sign a plebiscite
agreement and to instruct
drivers not to participate in
violence.

Mr. Herbert Bratter, the United
States Department of Com-
merce silver expert, has been as-
signed to Tokyo to keep the
American Government advised on
Far Eastern monetary de-
velopments.

DE VALERA SCORES

SECURES
RECOGNITION
FROM U.S.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL
IGNORED.

A NEW DIPLOMATIC
PROCEDURE

Dublin, To-day.

A new departure in
diplomatic procedure will
be adopted to-day, when
Mr. McDowell, the new
United States Minister
to the Irish Free States,
presents his credentials to
the Free State Presi-
dent, Mr. Eamon De
Valera, instead of to the
Governor-General.

Speculation is rife as
regards the reason, but
no authoritative inform-
ation is forthcoming.

Otherwise, in accordance with
the custom Mr. McDowell will be
presented to the Governor-General
by a group of 15 men
of civility, and salute of 15 guns
will be fired during the presenta-
tion.

The French Minister was the
last to present his credentials, but
he presented them to the Governor
General, and not to Mr. De Valera.
—Reuter.

STRIKE DISORDER IN CLEVELAND.

Police Hurl Tear
Gas Bombs.

SYMPATHISERS CLUBBED

Cleveland, To-day.

The most violent of the disor-
ders that have prevailed in Amer-
ica for some time broke out to-day
when mounted police rode into a
crowd, clubbed many, and hurled
tear-gas bombs.

The trouble, began when thou-
sands of sympathisers with the
strikers in the Cleveland Worsted
Mill Company gathered round the
mills. They were eventually
driven off by police after repeated
battles.—Reuter.

PARIS COUP D'ETAT WARNING.

Commission Inquiry
Into Riots.

ARMED POLITICAL
ORGANISATIONS

Paris, To-day.

Warnings of a possible
coup d'etat and further riots
unless political organisations
are disbanded were uttered by
witnesses at the Commission
inquiry into the recent Paris
riots.

The Commission is resolved to
bring the situation of the Govern-
ment to the danger and to secure
regulations to prevent the arming
of political groups.—Reuter.

WEATHER FORECAST

Cloudy, with some rain
moderate to fresh east winds, with
the weather forecast issued by the
Royal Observatory, this morning.



The WOMAN'S Page



Ostrich Feathers Make Headway

New Hats Show Novel Trimmings.

PALE BLUE FAVOURITE

Every possible note, old and ultra-modern, is being employed in the display of spring hats featuring the great revival in ostrich feather fashions.

This season's more decorative trend in dress has called for important headgear, and experts in the fashion world are intent on recapturing the spirit of romance in dress, which culminates in the be-feathered hat. One is struck by the youthful and becoming note in the feathered models of the period.

Once we associated feathers more with the older woman. Not so to-day. Even the mushroom hat can achieve an impertinent young air when a fringe of flame-yellow fringes shades the eyes and a sweeping collar carries out the frilled feather idea, as was the case with the model shown at a cocktail party, with hat parade of millinery designed by Miss Carlton.

The softest pale-blue tone is a great favourite. One cocktail hat, in the guise of a small flat sailor, was well tipped over the eyes by means of a back bandeau, composed of a cluster of blue ostrich tips.

An Ascot Gold Cup day hat in a brown burnt straw had its crown covered with one long blue feather, and from the back bandeau swept a long feather bow, that could be worn round the throat, or drooping.

Black and pink, brown and blue, and black and white, with many fondant shades, indicate the trend for Edwardian shades. A pale-pink tricorne has a double brim, showing the light feather curl.

SEEN AT LONDON DRESS SHOWS.

Economy—Ensembles

London dress shows have opened with a bang, which is developing into thunder because there are so many clever designers now in Mayfair.

Here is the best of the shows so far:—

The tunic fashion has produced this economy-ensemble—a red woollen dress worn beneath a brown tweed skirt.

The three-quarter length flounce of the dress is pulled over the skirt, making a tunic.

Remove the skirt and you have the dress complete.

Poppies made of stiffened white pique and fine lace decorated one or two afternoon frocks. The flowers were worn on the collar-bone, middle or side.

Small diamond buttons fastened about the dress and belt. They had coloured centres to match or contrast with the frock.

NOVEL BATHROOM WALL CABINET

A white bathroom wall cabinet has a solid mirror door which opens sideways on an extension, so that you can see what you are doing when making-up without shutting the door to look.



and with this a wonderful double halter collar, also in pink, is suggested, the long group of feather forming a deep fringe, mounted on stiff tulle.

The old-world pre-lartans have an original trimming, a curious early treatment of coloured ostrich. The effect can only be likened to Persian lamb. Long strands of ostrich feather in ribbon widths are used as loops and bows.

Menu Suggestions For To-morrow

TIFFIN

Sausage Kedgeree
Casserolette of Game
Rich Brown Sauce
Lettuce and Egg Salad
Floating Island

DINNER

Puree of Swedish Turnips
Carp en Bleu
Tomato Salad
Tournedos of Beef a l'Espanole
Sauté Green Peas
Creamed Cauliflower
Pineapple and Cream Flan
Casserolette of Game

About ½ lb. of rough puff pastry, 1 gill of good brown sauce, ½ lb. cooked game, 4 oz. of boiled ham, 3 shallots, mashed potatoes, 4 dried or fresh mushrooms, 1 oz. of butter. Roll the pastry out very thinly, line some small greased moulds with it. Bake until of a light brown colour. Put the game and ham through a mincer, chop the mushrooms and add. Melt the butter in a pan, add the chopped shallots and fry a little. Add the game and mushrooms and the brown sauce. Season well and cook for 5 minutes, then put the mixture into the pastry cases. Cover the top with mashed potato, and bake for 10 minutes. Turn out carefully and serve hot. Decorate with parsley.

Floating Island

1 round sponge cake, 1 pink custard, red jam, the whites of 2 eggs, 1 tablespoon of sugar, some chopped pistachio kernels, some hundreds and thousands. Cut the cake horizontally in slices. Spread them with jam. Place them on each other in the form of the cake, and spread top with jam. Put the cake on a glass dish, and pour the custard over. Whip the whites of the eggs stiffly with the sugar and heap on the top of the cake. Decorate with chopped pistachios and hundreds and thousands.

Carp en Bleu

1 carp of 3 or 4 lb., 3 onions, 2

NEW "THREE-PIECE" IS CHIC

Equipped For Any Day Occasion.

LOOSE SLEEVES FEATURED

A "three-piece" has just the features of the new mode that are most suited to the smart English-woman's taste and figure.

It has a plain dark blue dress in a rather rough woollen material. Fanshaped pleating placed very low at the back of the skirt removes any "hobble" restrictions. The sleeveless waistcoat or overblouse and loose coat (slightly shorter than last year's swaggy model) are of the same heavy, oyster-white Shantung silk. Wool dresses with silk coats are smart.

The coat has loose fulllength sleeves, with the lower part turned back to threequarter length. The revers are large and hang forward in the fashionable way, but are not stiffened.

The overblouse is fastened at the waistline with a large plain button, the buttonhole being decorated with radiating lines of stitching. And the hat is the season's "best seller."

With this outfit one would be equipped for any day occasion—from office wear to a smart wedding.

Smart for Dining



This new ensemble for formal dining and dancing attractively combines a black and white satin jacket with a low-backed satin frock. Black and white chrysanthemums trim the front, while black and white satin gloves complete the ensemble.

Paris Displays Military Modes

Luxurious Attire Shown During Riot Days.

Paris.

With relics of rioting cluttering up the Grand Boulevards here, the late showing fashion houses are not very well attended. All noses except those that have to be out are being kept indoors and watching the fireworks from behind barricade doors and balconies.

Strangely coincident with the turn of affairs, one or two houses have demonstrated the smartness of military fashions for women; gold braid and unexaggerated shoulder decorations. For the most part, however, clothes are more peaceful than they ever have been with the big houses determining that this is to be a gala season with all thought of hard times thrown into the discard.

Elaborateness is the order of the day, with gold and silver cloth, sequins, buttons and everything else that glitters, in the ascendency. Crowns of jewels and precious metal and bracelets, necklaces, earrings and huge breast-plate pins and clips of real emeralds, rubies, sapphires, pearls and diamonds are decreed necessary for the woman of fashion this spring and summer.

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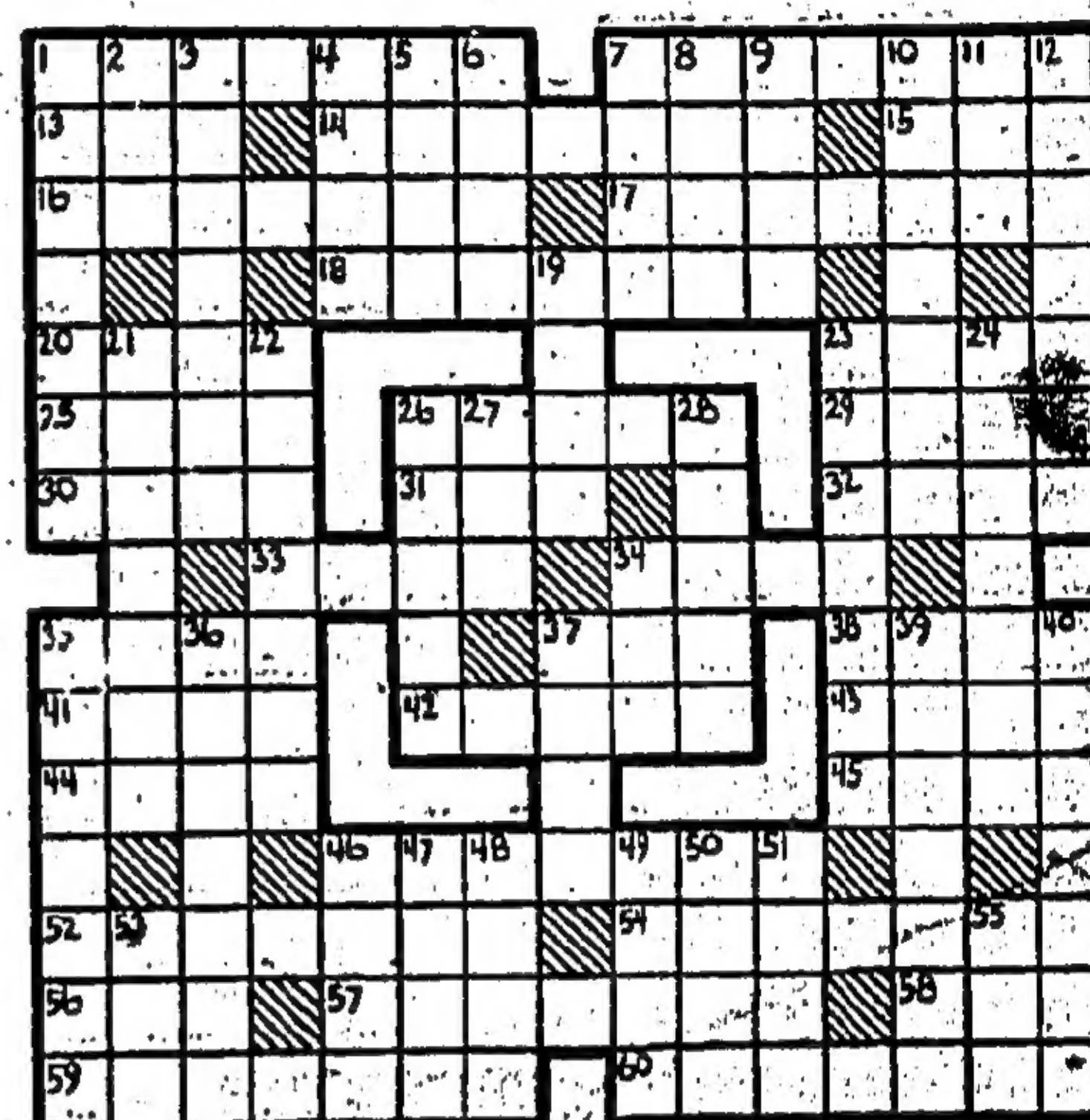
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



HORIZONTAL

- 1-Satisfies
- 7-A proposition to be proved
- 13-Sick
- 14-Not the same
- 15-Point of compass (abbr.)
- 16-More like a read
- 17-Eager
- 18-Literary culture
- 20-Snakes
- 22-Hispanic body
- 23-Horse's gait
- 24-Tie
- 25-Smooth (Phon.)
- 30-Inflamed place on the skin
- 31-Unit
- 32-Dry
- 33-A color
- 34-Ache
- 35-Small bunch of straw
- 37-Party
- 38-Title of former Russian ruler
- 41-Repetition of words as means of learning

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 42-Moils
- 43-Combining form. Within
- 44-Girl's name
- 45-Course of food
- 46-Eurata through (Rare)
- 52-Winged sandals
- 54-Greatest
- 56-Before
- 57-An aerial wire
- 58-Wild (Scott.)
- 59-Displace
- 60-Deprives of official rank

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 12-Measured by a meter
- 19-Pitch
- 21-The wearing away of rocks by water
- 22-Walked
- 23-Slipped
- 24-Make alive
- 25-Hard parts of the body
- 27-Writing fluid
- 28-Blamishes
- 34-Tablet
- 35-Wrenched
- 36-Quicker
- 37-Country in South America
- 38-Sharpshooters
- 40-Revolver
- 42-Persia
- 47-Circle
- 48-Grade
- 49-Pool
- 50-Prong
- 51-Strike with the open hand
- 52-Metric land measure
- 53-Look

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue.

NEW FLOWER-JAR

Straight-Sided Jug In Green Glass.

A tall, straight-sided jug, that only just seems to have escaped the handle-less and lip-less state of being a jar, is made of a cool, grass-green crackled glass. For the purposes of utility and decoration, one can ignore that afterthought of a handle and that infinitesimal lip, and decide that it would make an ideal flower-jar.

YESTERDAY'S SELECTION

D	E	N	U	N	C	I	A	T	I	O	N	S
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"	3 pt.	\$3.95 "
"	4 pt.	\$5.25 "
Pie Dishes	7 in.	75 cts. "
"	7½ in.	85 cts. "
"	8½ in.	95 cts. "
Covered Butter Pots	\$1.50 "

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The China Mail

Hong Kong, Tuesday, March 27, 1934.

Trade With Russia.

A new chapter in the development of mutual trade between Great Britain and Russia will be opened by the recent ratification of the new trade agreement. It promises to be much more satisfactory than that which was closed so abruptly last April, for the agreement provides what was hitherto lacking—a real equivalent on the other side for the most-favoured-nation treatment granted to Russia in the British market. Henceforth an increase of trade between the two countries can hardly fail to be of benefit to both. There will be an end of the fear that Russian trade in Great Britain merely provided the Russian Communists with funds, a small part of which might be spent in the home country, but most of which as a matter of fact was spent elsewhere, some of it even in financing subversive and anti-British propaganda. So long as that danger existed, every development of Russian trade was bound to be looked upon with suspicion. But it is impossible to keep a great country like Russia in an isolation ward. The practical problem is not whether Britain should trade with Russia, but how to find a satisfactory basis for trade with a country in which all foreign trade, and indeed all commerce and all production, are a State monopoly. In dealing with a monopoly on so huge a scale individual firms are inevitably at a hopeless disadvantage, competing, as they must, for business with one another as well as with their rivals abroad. In the agreement just concluded an endeavour is made to counteract that disadvantage by stipulating that the proceeds of Russian sales in Great Britain shall be spent in Great Britain in a gradually increasing proportion until an approximate equality of payments is attained between the two countries, including of course both visible and invisible imports and exports. A detailed schedule sets out the methods by which the payments are to be calculated, and the steps by which equality is to be reached. Rules which were worked out to apply to trade conducted between two sets of competing individual traders, now to be replaced by the Government of Russia.

controlling under one organization the whole production and trade of a country so vast as Russia. The method adopted to put British trade with this monopoly on a more equitable basis is a generalization from stipulations in the recent trade agreements with the Scandinavian and other countries. There were objections to endeavouring to pledge the Soviet Government to buy definite quantities of specific goods, or to obtain from British sources definite proportions of particular supplies, or to use British shipping for a specified proportion of their trade. The purposes in view, it was felt, would be better served by a general undertaking to work towards an approximate equal balance, through the attainment of which shipping, the fishing industry, the engineering trades, and other exporting interests will all stand to benefit. There is no need here to recall the controversies over Russian timber, Russian wheat, and Russian butter. Whatever view may be taken of what has occurred in the past, there can be no doubt that the Russian Government was able, whenever it was so minded, to sell its products at a price which made illusory any preference given to the Dominions or any protection given to the British farmer. There was ample warrant for the safeguarding provision inserted in the Ottawa agreement with Canada. The difficulty was to reconcile the pledge thus given with the most-favoured-nation principle, upon which the Russian negotiators were not unnaturally insisted. Russia is to be given most-favoured-nation treatment, but as regards any particular commodity this may be suspended on three months' notice if the Russian prices are such as to frustrate the preferences given to the Dominions or to be detrimental to production in Great Britain, and if negotiations during the three months' interval fail to lead to a settlement. Under this provision any attempt at dumping could be stopped before permanent damage was done and would involve the risk of prolonged exclusion from the market. It is the more likely to prove effective since Russia must be as anxious as are other producers not to depress prices to unacceptably low levels. With these main difficulties overcome there is a real possibility given good will and good faith on both sides, that the trading relations between the two countries may be developed to their mutual benefit, and that this development may make a substantial contribution to the general revival of trade and to the economic recovery which must follow the Great Depression.

HERE, THERE, AND EVERYWHERE

"Red Biddy"

Caledonia is becoming sterner—and wilder—than ever. The reason is the continued spread of methylated spirit drinking, which is becoming such a serious social problem that Glasgow Town Council has been seeking the co-operation of Dundee, Edinburgh and Aberdeen to make a general attack upon this curse.

During 1932, 585 persons were prosecuted for drunkenness thought to have been caused by drinking "Red Biddy"—methylated spirits mixed with cheap red wine—in Glasgow compared with 354 during 1931.

Evidently that city regards the present position as serious, for Glasgow is proposing that methylated spirits should only be sold by fully qualified chemists, and that the name and address of every purchaser should be noted, as in the case of poisons!

Commands 800 Doctors

Major-General Hartigan, who has been appointed Director-general of Army Medical Services, in place of Lieut-general Sir Harold Fawcus, is the same age as his predecessor. He was a fellow-student with him at Durham University.

Later they served together as R.A.M.C. lieutenants in South Africa. Between them they won Queen's Medals with seven and King's Medals with four clasps.

The post is an administrative one. Its occupant does not practise, although he is invariably a qualified man. He has under him more than 800 doctors and 100 dentists, as well as nurses and orderlies.

His duties include advising the Army Council on such diverse subjects as diet, the cut of uniforms and method of sanitation, as well as ordinary medical work.

Your Daily Smile.

These Names Make Noise.
A list of hecklers' names was taken at a political meeting last week.

A sort of Boo's Who.

TOO LATE

A husband in Wisconsin shot his wife in the middle of spring-cleaning.

Pool! Why didn't he shoot her before she had begun?

The Yes-man At Home
A y-e-e-my-love man.

NEGATIVE RESULTS

An Englishman has discovered a process which enables the invisible to be photographed.
I'm longing to see a snap of my bank balance.

HAUGHTY CULTURE

Gardening in our suburb.

QUALIFICATION

A woman likes a man with a good head on his shoulders — so long as it isn't another woman's.

"Factory Owner Says His Factory Is An Eyecore."
He hates the site of work.

OVERHEARD

"Madam, the instalment man is here again."
"Tell him to have a chair."

Facts You Did Not Know.

To save material and provide a narrow chassis for an automobile of standard width an English designer has combined the mud guards with the rear doors.

Pennsylvania electricians have found that the average lightning bolt carries about 25,000, 25,000 amperes, compared with the 800 amperes used to start electric trains.

Two United States government photographers have developed a simple process for making natural colour photographs on sheets of dyed cellophane.

Mr. J. H. Sparks, grain inspector at the Port of London, has been awarded the Victoria Cross for his services during the war.

ROOSEVELT AT WORK AND AT HOME ENJOYS UNQUESTIONING TRUST OF NATION

FULL OF FIGHT AND HUMOUR

(By Valentine Williams.)

Washington.
All roads lead to Washington to-day. In the space of a few short months the Federal capital has become the busiest city in the United States. One man's name is on every lip.

In the United States to-day President Roosevelt's personal prestige is a formidable thing. He has succeeded in capturing the imagination of his fellow-countrymen to an extent which has in a large measure blotted out the dividing line between Republican and Democrat.

He is the prophet leading the people out of the desert. That such an immense majority is content to trust him blindly to bring them safely to the Promised Land is a tribute to one of his greatest qualities, his knowledge of human nature.

The cardinal note of the President's character is his simplicity. To meet and talk with him is to realise that his simplicity is not a pose, that when he asks, "Well, and how do you find things going?" he is genuinely interested in checking his own impressions by the impressions of others.

To him has been entrusted a greater volume of irrefragable power than any American President in history has enjoyed, and he has launched forces of immeasurable strength and unpredictable influence; yet he has no attitudes of the super-man, no false pride, and, before all things, no false modesty.

What you find, when you call upon him at the White House, is a pleasant, placid man, full of fight and laughter. In almost his opening sentence you realise that he actually is what he appears to be—a good American taking off his coat to tackle a big job confided to him, and quietly determined to make a go of it.

His manner is direct and very frank, his laugh a joyous shout with head flung backward, his smile tentative and singularly attractive—one feels he is the type of man who, all through his life, has made friends without difficulty wherever he goes.

Keeping Healthy

Tall, broad-shouldered and muscular, a little heavy through years of a crippling illness, he looks comfortable in the grey lounge suit hanging loosely on the big frame—like so many Americans, he prefers to discard his waistcoat. A daily swim in the pool at the White House, the gift of the American public, keeps him in fine physical shape. For one who carries on his shoulders such a tremendous burden of responsibility he looks astonishingly fit.

If the United States officially admitted an aristocracy, Franklin Delano Roosevelt would unquestionably be of it. He comes from a branch of the family which the genius of his cousin, the late Theodore Roosevelt, first made world-famous—well-to-do and established for generations on the banks of the Hudson. He has the poise and charming manners which birth and good breeding bestow, but also the same strong sense of duty and a certain inborn shrewdness seen in men like Palmerston and Salisbury, recruited into statesmanship from the ranks of the aristocracy.

He has a mind which is continually absorbing and storing away information. For future use, Washington had forgotten that all through the Wilson Administration there was "a chieftain among them" in the person of the then young Assistant Secretary of the Navy Department. Back at Washington he has revealed that he knows every move in the game.

Firm And Prompt In Decision

He is the type of American who is thoroughly familiar with England and the English scene as an integral part of the background of American life. He has many friends in England and shows himself remarkably conversant with British politics.

the British Empire, the friendly and encouraging tone of which, I rather, contrasts rather sharply with what the President deprecates as the "ludicrous" misrepresentations of his policy in the greater part of the British Press.

Any preconceived idea of Roosevelt as a dangerous Radical of a drawing-room Socialist is dispelled in the first five minutes with him. Any notion that he is the willing instrument of a pack of hare-brained professors will not survive. My personal impression of him is of a man who, with both feet firmly planted on the ground, is conscious of his own limitations, and summons to his aid counsellors to advise him on matters with which he is necessarily unfamiliar.

He is very definitely master of his Administration. Even among his intimates there is none who professes to be able to read his mind. He keeps his own counsel; and nobody, they tell me, is so adept as he in saying nothing when he so wills. It is his habit to make decisions, even the most important, firmly and promptly; but there is nothing impulsive about his calm and reflective manner. It suggests that he acts only after mature reflection.

The man's outstanding trait is his courage. The quality of Roosevelt's pluck is shown by his refusal to let himself be mastered by the attack of infantile paralysis which laid him low soon after the Armistice. Without repining for a career, for a busy, athletic life, apparently hopelessly broken, he set himself to work to re-educate his limbs.

White House And Its

Vast Mail

In pain and helplessness he learnt patience and an infinite compassion for suffering humanity. To an impatient office-seeker he said recently, "Do you realise that I spent two years in bed learning to wiggle one toe?" In my judgment, it is this almost passionate commiseration of his for the inarticulate masses—"The Forgotten Man," in the phrase he coined—which is at the root of the radical changes he is effecting in the whole structure of government and finance in this country.

There is something more. He and Mrs. Roosevelt are probably the first persons on this vast continent to obtain a true and comprehensive picture of the whole sum of human misery which the depression brought in its train. Their mail—the largest in the history of the White House—has thrown a flood of light on this epic of human suffering.

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COURT BAILIFF STEALS FRAMES.

Leniency Plea Receives
\$16 Fine.

Chan Sik, a bailiff employed in the Supreme Court, was fined \$16 in default two weeks' imprisonment by Mr. Q. A. A. MacFadyen at the Central Police Court this morning, for the stealing of two photo frames, valued at \$4, from No. 27 Wellington Street last Sunday.

Mr. Peter Sin, who appeared for the accused, pleaded for mercy as his client had an unblemished character, and that the act in itself would cost him his job at the Supreme Court.

His Worship, in passing the sentence, said that defendant was a watchman and was in a position of trust and must be dealt with accordingly.

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*BHUTAN	6,000	23rd June	Bombay, Marseilles, Havre, London, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
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*BHUTAN	6,100 16th May	Shanghai, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
RAWALPINDI	17,000 17th May	Shanghai, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
SANTHIA	18th May	Shanghai, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
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Jack Frost Heads Passenger List on Einar



The most uncomfortable passenger to arrive in New York on the liner Einar recently was Mr. Jack Frost, who, on the last day of the voyage, was the only passenger to be held in the ship's hold. The next thing I remember was my head lying in someone's lap, and that same someone softly stroking my face and weeping quietly over me. I knew it was Julia, so I kept my eyes closed, and the words of the pastor's beautiful sermon, and the children and the candles, and all passed through my mind as I lay there in my tobacco bed, my head on Julia's lap. Somehow or other, I found my hand in Julia's, and I pressed it as she whispered to me: "Are you feeling better, Hector?" Do you think you could manage to get to my house? I'll dress your head. With her help I struggled into her kitchen, and there with her own hands she dressed the wound.

GLASSHOUSES

(Continued From Page 10).

"Good day, Hector," greeted the lawyer heartily. "That was a great ending to the glasshouse, eh? We made the old cat jump that time, eh?"

Hector stood, and then shuffled, a confused look on his good-natured face, and in a hesitating manner he said, "I'll call in tomorrow morning and see you, Mr. Van Scharpe. I have something important to say to you and explain."

"I hope there's nothing wrong, Hector." And as he saw that the farmer was on tenterhooks to get away, he added, "All right, nine o'clock to-morrow morning."

With a hasty handshake and a muttered excuse, Hector left his legal mentor.

The next morning farmer Bowen was shown into the office of the notary. "George, let me have the dossier of Bowen versus Van Proude," he commanded his clerk, speaking to an outer office. A bulky package of papers was promptly placed on his desk.

"Now, Hector, did you follow out my instructions?" demanded the notary.

"Yes, Mr. Van Scharpe, but only up to a certain point." A protesting lift of the lawyer's eyebrows hurried on Hector's explanation.

"I think it all started with our new pastor, and—"

"That's another meddlesome old pilot," interposed the notary, "just like his brother, the judge, who tried our glasshouse case."

"I wouldn't say that, Mr. Van Scharpe," defended the farmer. "The pastor knew nothing of that"

affair. It all came about this way. About three weeks after the verdict, the pastor one Sunday preached a beautiful sermon about neighbourly love and all that kind of thing. And the little children looked so innocent, and the flowers and the candles were so pretty, it all made a man feel—well, you know what the feeling is. I almost decided to raise my man Jules's wages—and—"

He stopped, confused, as he saw the surprised look on the matter-of-fact lawyer's face.

With almost a blush on his face, the farmer hastily continued: "That very same Sunday evening I took a stroll in my garden just to make sure that those fellows who were pulling down Julia's glasshouse were not damaging my tobacco bed, for those blundering clods are a careless lot. Well, I suddenly saw the widow over what remained of the glasshouse wall. And did she open out at me. Phew! She called me a crafty, sly rascal of a fellow; said that if her poor dear Peter had been alive he'd have known how to deal with a worm like me. I returned as good as she gave, and replied that from that 'lazy, good-for-nothing lot of a Peter' she'd canonised him into 'poor, dear Peter' so much, I expected when I got up there at the Golden Gates, it would be her dear Peter who'd be fangling the keys. With that she flew at me like a streak of lightning, fetching me a terrible smack across my head with the handle of a shovel that was lying in the debris."

"Ha, ha," broke in the notary, hopefully. "Assault and battery?" Hector shook his head and continued:

"As you know, she is a powerful woman, and the blow dropped me like a stone. The next thing I remember was my head lying in someone's lap, and that same someone softly stroking my face and weeping quietly over me. I knew it was Julia, so I kept my eyes closed, and the words of the pastor's beautiful sermon, and the children and the candles, and all passed through my mind as I lay there in my tobacco bed, my head on Julia's lap. Somehow or other, I found my hand in Julia's, and I pressed it as she whispered to me: "Are you feeling better, Hector?" Do you think you could manage to get to my house? I'll dress your head. With her help I struggled into her kitchen, and there with her own hands she dressed the wound."

Hector's voice grew dreamy and sentimental. "It was so spick and span there, and everything looked so homely. I stayed until nearly nine o'clock that night, and well, I suppose I may as well tell you now. We're to be married next week."

"Well, I'll be damned," ejaculated the astonished lawyer, "of all the—"

"But that's only half the story," broke in Hector, whose eyes shone with excitement. "I had intended coming into Ypres that week, but, since I was seedy from the effects of the blow, I stayed around, and I superintended the removal of the foundations for Julia. She insisted on finishing the removal of the glasshouse to what she considers a better site. More sun, you know, Mr. Van Scharpe. Well, I was instructing the workmen to throw the foundation rubble on to the right-of-way, because that kind of rubble makes a good core, and the pathway needed it, for after a shower it gets ankle deep in mud, and Julia's so particular, you know, when suddenly one of the workmen struck something metallic, and Julia and I stood there shaking with excitement as we saw Peter's iron box come to light at last."

"We carried the box into the house and Julia unearthed the keys from somewhere, but she insisted on opening it alone in her room. When she returned her eyes were aglow with gratification, and when I asked her if she was satisfied she answered 'Yes,' but that was all I could get out of her. Even when I begged her to tell me how much, she just answered, 'One's a secret, two's a law!'"

"It must have been something pretty considerable," reasoned Hector meditatively, "for she bought two new aprons for each of the serving maids."

Hector sighed deeply, lost in pleasant thoughts.

The notary looked sadly at the dossier. "Bowen versus Van Proude?"

"Yes, yes, that, of course," but every minute of the day and yet that can come later. What I mean are sure to put them there now is something that Julia and I have been discussing for a long time. And pulling up his chair towards the desk of the lawyer, he strained forward, and kissed. "There's a sly, crafty rascal of a fellow," I mean Hector. Van Proude, whose land Julia has, and Julia's property."

The two of the notary cleared with amazing rapidity as Hector's words, until at the end of it he was fairly beaming.

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industry in return for a reduction
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The Bill allows the discretion of
Mr. Henry C. Wallace, Secretary of
Agriculture, to make rye, flax and
barley basic commodities, but does
not provide for a processing tax
thereon.—Reuter.

**FAMOUS CHIMES TO
BE SILENT.**

Overhaul Of Big Ben
In May And June.

London, To-day.
Big Ben, the great clock on the top
of the Houses of Parliament, is to
be silent during May and June, when
it will be overhauled and altered.

INDEPENDENCE OF BURMA.

Question Of Separation
From India.

MUST NOT BE SUDDEN

London, To-day.
Replying to Parliamentary ques-
tions regarding Burma the Secre-
tary for India, Sir Samuel Hoare,
pointed out that the question of
that country's separation from
India was a matter which awaited
the recommendation of the Joint
Select Committee and the decision
of Parliament.
He anticipated that if the decision
was for separation, Parliament
would find it necessary to arrange
that it will not be sudden, and so
cause a serious dislocation of the
close trade contact with India, on
which Burma's prosperity and great-
ness largely depends, but to do so
with the least possible limitation of
Burma's freedom, and to establish
her trade relations with other coun-
tries upon a basis consistent with
the interests of Burma herself
rather than with those of India, as
at present.—British Wireless Ser-
vice.

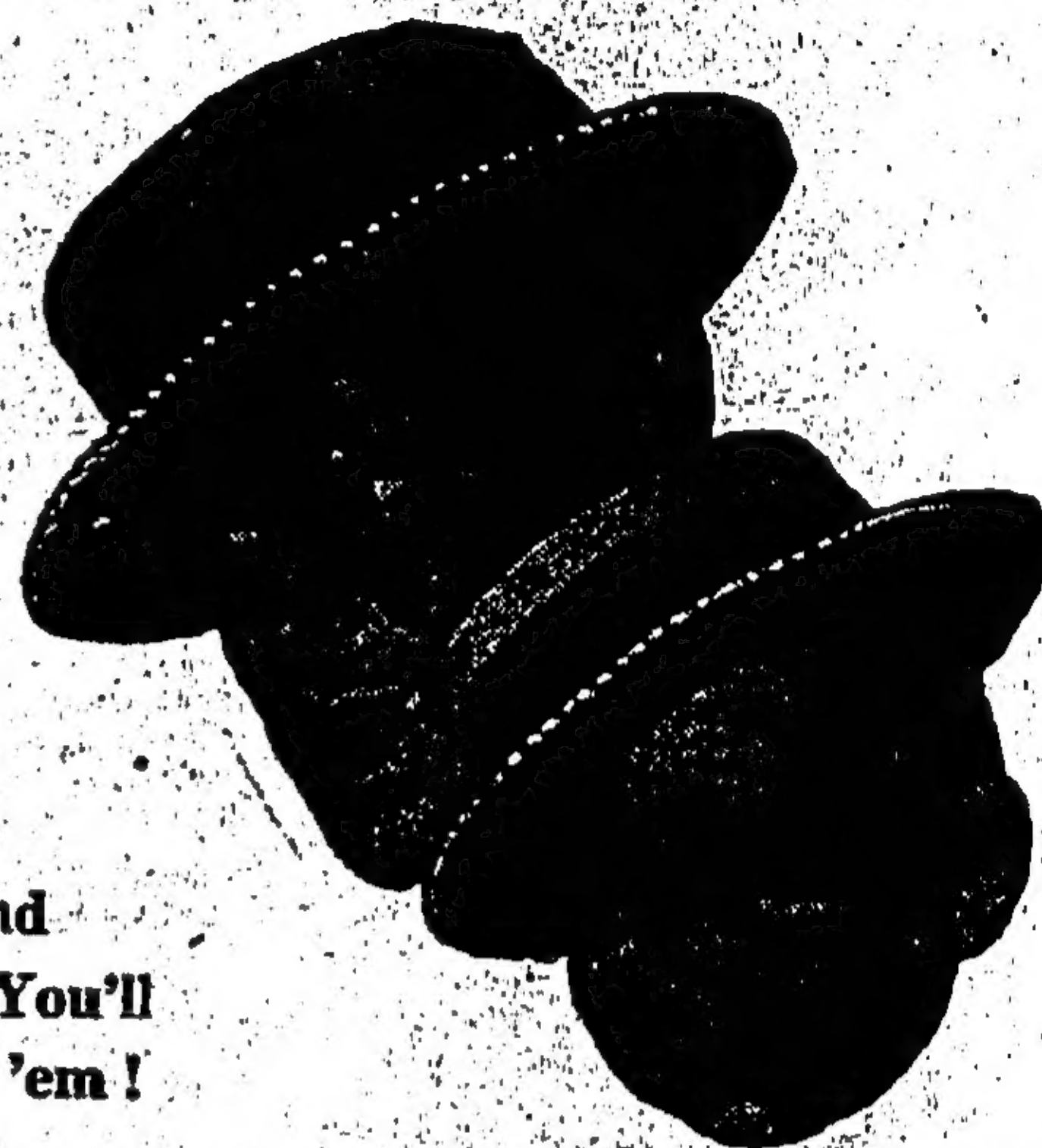
and some of its chiming bells re-
hanging.
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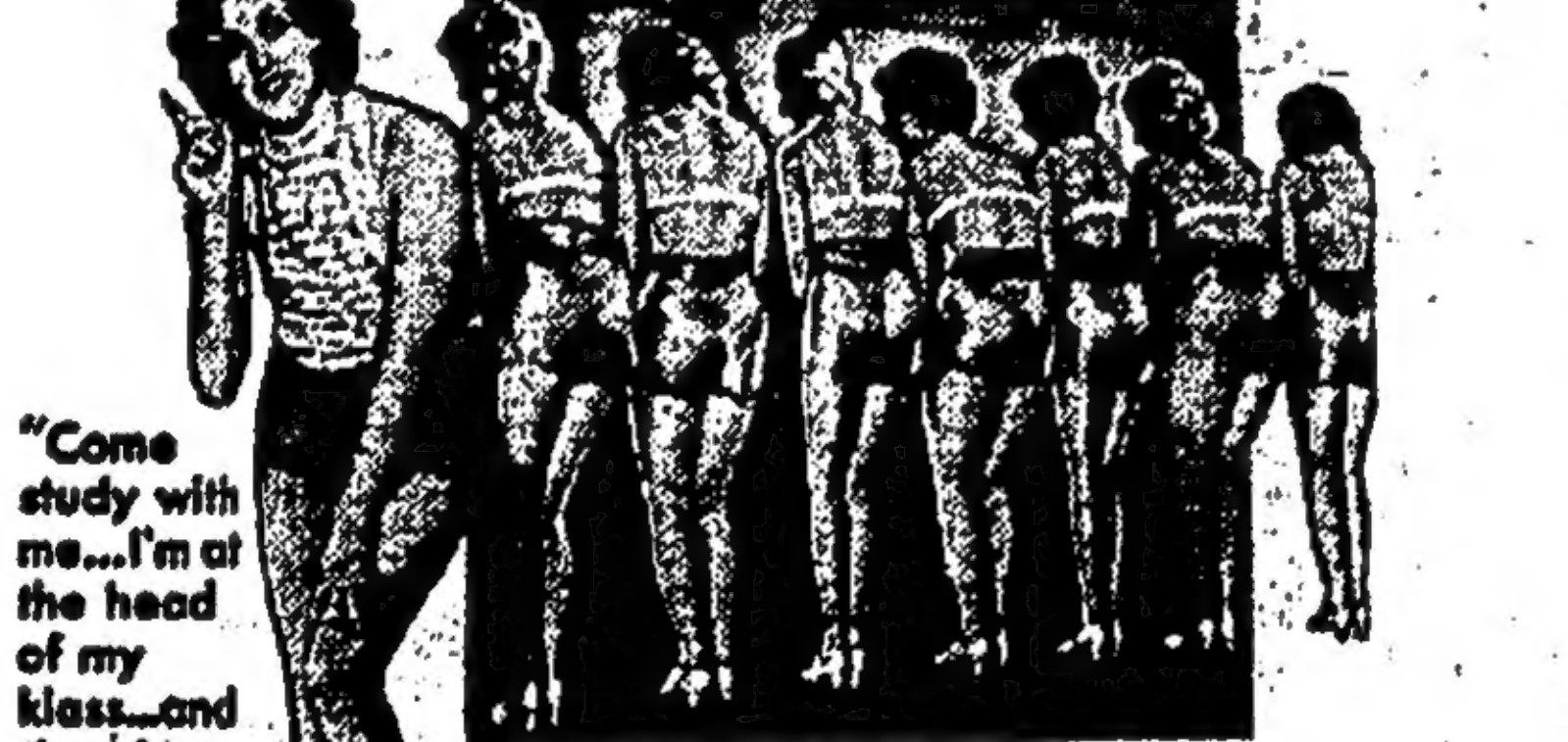
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